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Ms. Kathleen Hain, Team Leader Environmental Restoration Program U.S. Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office 850 Energy Drive Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563

RE: IDEQ Review of the Explanation of Significant Differences to the Record of Decision for the Central Facilities Area Operable Unit 4-13 (Draft)

Dear Ms. Hain:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) has completed its review of the above referenced document. Based on this review, and the previous review, and acceptance of the "Re-evaluation of the Final Remediation Goals for Mercury at the CFA-04 (CFA-674 Pond)" (October 2002), the IDEQ concurs with the basis for the ESD and the consequent change to the selected remedy.

If you have any questions please contact me at (208) 373-0556.

Sincerely,

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